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Security Council

10 a.m. . . . . 4865th meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in the Great Lakes region

   Report of the Secretary-General on preparations for an international conference on the Great Lakes region (S/2003/1099)

3 p.m. . . . . 4866th meeting (closed) . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Meeting of the Security Council with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B

4 p.m. . . . . 4867th meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation between Iraq and Kuwait

Ad Hoc Working Group on Conflict Prevention and Resolution in Africa

3 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

General Committee

10 a.m. . . . . Informal briefing[1] . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal briefing to hear Ms. Louise Fréchette, Deputy Secretary-General, on United Nations staff security

[1] Open to all delegations.

03-59805

Open-ended informal consultations of the plenary on the Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

11 a.m. 3rd meeting (closed) Trusteeship Council Chamber

Open-ended informal consultations of the plenary on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, chaired by the President of the General Assembly (agenda item 55) [A second Informal Note (Annex I) and Elements for consideration for a working text on revitalization of the General Assembly (Annex II) by the President of the General Assembly were faxed to all missions on Friday, 14 November 2003.]

Main Committees

Third Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 52nd meeting Conference Room 1

3 p.m. 53rd meeting Conference Room 1

1. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [117 (b)]

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/58/L.63, A/C.3/58/L.64, A/C.3/58/L.65, A/C.3/58/L.66, A/C.3/58/L.70, A/C.3/58/L.71 and A/C.3/58/L.72

2. Human rights questions: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [117 (c)]

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/58/L.67, A/C.3/58/L.68 and A/C.3/58/L.69

3. Promotion and protection of the rights of children [113]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/58/L.25/Rev.1 and A/C.3/58/L.29

4. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [115]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/58/L.33/Rev.1 and A/C.3/58/L.34

5. Right of peoples to self-determination [116]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.31

6. Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments [117 (a)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.44

7. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [117 (b)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/58/L.50, A/C.3/58/L.51, A/C.3/58/L.53, A/C.3/58/L.54, A/C.3/58/L.55, A/C.3/58/L.56, A/C.3/58/L.58 and A/C.3/58/L.60

Fifth Committee

9.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005: Part XIII: Development Account (A/58/6 (Sect. 35), A/58/6 (Income Sect. 1), A/58/6 (Income Sect. 2), A/58/6 (Income Sect. 3), A/58/6/Corr.1, A/58/7, A/58/7/Corr.1 and A/58/16); and conclusion of questions and answers)

2.30–4.45 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 59 (Strengthening of the United Nations system: improvements to the current process of planning and budgeting (A/58/395, A/58/395/Corr.1 and A/58/7/Add.5); Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the review of the United Nations budgetary process (A/58/375, A/58/395, A/58/395/Corr.1 and A/58/7/Add.5); and Intergovernmental review of the medium-term plan and the programme budget (A/57/786))

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

1. Meeting with the United Nations Foundation
2. Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization
3. Draft report

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Informal consultations under agenda item 47 (Follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS)

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Follow up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS" (agenda item 47), organized under the auspices of the Office of the President of the General Assembly and facilitated by H.E. Mr. Denis Dangue Réwaka, Permanent Representative of Gabon to the United Nations

Second Committee

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.25 entitled "Natural disasters and vulnerability" (agenda item 94 (e))" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Mexico)

10 a.m.–12 noon . . . . Closed meeting . . . . Room C-209B

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.4 entitled "Implementation of the First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)" (agenda item 98) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . Conference Room B

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.20 entitled "Science and technology for development" (agenda item 91 (b)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . Conference Room 2

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.37 entitled "International migration and development" (agenda item 93 (c)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Portugal)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . Conference Room D

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.5 entitled "Human resources development" (agenda item 93 (b)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

11 a.m.–12 noon . . . . Closed meeting . . . . Conference Room A

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.38 entitled "Commodities" (agenda item 91 (g)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Guyana)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . Conference Room 4

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.36 entitled "Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the Occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources" (agenda item 103) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

12 noon–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . Conference Room A

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.30 entitled "Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States" (agenda item 94 (d)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of New Zealand)

12 noon–2 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . Room C-209B

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.18 entitled "External debt crisis and development" (agenda item 91 (e)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Guatemala)

1–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . Conference Room D

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.41 entitled "Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence" (agenda item 100) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Chile)

1–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . Conference Room 6

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.2 entitled "Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds and assets of illicit origin and returning such funds and assets to the countries of origin" (agenda item 92) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Portugal)

2–4 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Room C-209B

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.28 entitled "United Nations Institute for Training and Research" (agenda item 99 (a)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Portugal)

3–4.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Room C-2963D

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.11 entitled "Convention on Biological Diversity" (agenda item 94 (c)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Peru)

3–5 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.27 entitled "Women in development" (agenda item 93 (a)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

3–5 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.17 entitled "International financial system and development" (agenda item 91 (d)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Guyana)

3–5 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.24 entitled "Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries" (agenda item 97 (b)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran)

5.15–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Room C-209B

Other meetings

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Thursday, 20 November 2003

Group of 77 *(on racism)*

9–10 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

12–2 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Group of 77 (*on the Marrakech Conference on South-South Cooperation)*

10–11 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

11 a.m.–12 noon . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Group of 77 (*Second Committee: habitat; and cybersecurity)*

1.30–2.45 pm. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Group of 77 (*Second Committee: environment and sustainable development)*

2–3 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

Group of 77 (*Second Committee: financing for development; and other macro-economic issues)*

3–6 pm. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)*

5–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 5

JUSCANZ Group *(on Third Committee matters)*

9–9.45 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room D

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International assistance and cooperation with the Alliance for the Sustainable Development of Central America" (agenda item 40 (b)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Panama (on behalf of the Central American Group))

10–11 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations" (agenda item 40 (a)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

11–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

African Group *(on Fifth Committee matters)*

12.45–2.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 5

African Group: Group of Experts on Economic Matters

4.15–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 3

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism (item 117 b)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Mexico)

2–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

Open-ended informal consultations of the draft resolution entitled "The right to development" (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Malaysia (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement))

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 2

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution entitled "Decade of the Education for Sustainable Development" (agenda item 96) (Second Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Japan)

5–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

Round table "The Nexus Between the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus and Meeting the Millennium Development Goals"

There will be a round table on "The Nexus Between the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus and Meeting the Millennium Development Goals" *today*, 20 November 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B. Mr. Alex Palmason, International Monetary Fund, New York Office, will lead the discussion. The event is co-sponsored by the World Federation of United Nations Associations and the NGO Section, Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Panel discussion on "Information Session on the Work of the General Assembly and its Main Committees"

There will be a panel discussion on "Information Session on the Work of the General Assembly and its Main Committees", co-sponsored by the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations (CONGO) and the NGO Section, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, *today*, 20 November 2003, from 3 to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. [For further information: tel. 1 (212) 986-8557].

United Nations Administrative Tribunal

The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will hold closed meetings *today*, 20 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in room DC2-0461.

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

Thursday, 20 November 2003

Room S-226

11.15 a.m. Background briefing by a senior United Nations official on migration, on the occasion of the first annual Distinguished Lecture on International Flows of Humanity, to be delivered by the Secretary-General at Columbia University, on Friday, 21 November 2003 [Delegations are invited to view the briefing in Studio 4, First Basement.]

Guest at 12 noon Ms. Catherine Bertini, Under-Secretary-General for Management (on the United Nations budget)

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Second Committee

The Second Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Friday, 21 November 2003, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2, to consider the following draft resolutions: A/C.2/58/L.6 (item 91 (b)), A/C.2/58/L.22 (item 94 (g)), A/C.2/58/L.21 (item 99 (b)) and A/C.2/58/L.36* (item 103), as well as other draft resolutions on which the informal "informals" have been completed.

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 20th meeting on Friday, 21 November 2003, at 9.30 a.m. in Conference Room 3, immediately followed by informal consultations (closed) in Conference Room 5. Informal consultations (closed) will also be held at 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

The Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Wednesday, 3 December 2003, at 11 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Informal consultations on agenda item 40 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Informal consultations on draft proposals under agenda item 40, chaired by H.E. Mr. Jean-Marc Hoscheit (Luxembourg), will be held on Friday, 21 November 2003, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Security Council

United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC)

The United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC), established under Security Council resolution 1284 (1999) of 17 December 1999, will hold a session of the College of Commissioners on Friday, 21 November 2003, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room E.

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board
Extraordinary budget session for 2003

The extraordinary budget session of the Executive Board of UNICEF will take place on Monday and Tuesday, 1 and 2 December 2003, in Conference Room 2. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2003/14. Advance copies of the documents for the session are available on the UNICEF Web site (www.unicef.org/about/execboard/index_15100.html). Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of UNICEF (fax 1 (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, 21 November 2003.

Other forthcoming meetings

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JUSCANZ Group *(on Third Committee matters)*

There will be a meeting of the JUSCANZ Group *(on Third Committee matters)* on Friday, 21 November 2003, from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room D.

JUSCANZ Group *(on Second Committee matters)*

There will be meetings of the JUSCANZ Group *(on Second Committee matters)* from 9 to 9.45 a.m., as follows: 26 November and 2 December 2003, in Conference Room 9; and 9 December, in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Towards global partnerships" (agenda item 46) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy)

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Toward global partnerships" (agenda item 46), organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, on Friday, 21 November 2003, from 10 to 11 a.m. in *Conference Room 6.*

UNITAR Workshop Series on Policy Awareness and Training in Information Technology

As part of the series on Policy Awareness and Training in Information Technology, the third and final high-level seminar of this year on "Policy Awareness and Security Issues on Information Technology", organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), will be held on Friday, 21 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4. This interactive seminar is primarily aimed at ambassadors and other diplomats. However, all interested staff members as well as representatives of

non-governmental organizations are welcome to attend. This is the second year of the series, presented under the auspices of the ICT Task Force and the Working Group on Informatics, and implemented with the active participation and sponsorship of Intel Corporation. For further information please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684).

Southern African Development Community (SADC) *(at the Third Committee experts level)*

There will be a meeting of Southern African Development Community (SADC) *(at the Third Committee experts level)* on Friday, 21 November 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Meeting of interested delegations on the draft resolution entitled "Responding to global threats and challenges" (agenda item 60) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation)

There will a meeting of interested delegations on the draft resolution entitled "Responding to global threats and challenges" (agenda item 60), organized by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation, on Friday, 21 November 2003, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

United Nations Office for Project Services

There will be an informal consultation on various issues contained in Executive Board decisions 2003/26 and 2003/27, on Monday, 24 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, in the Main Conference Room (4th floor) at UNOPS Headquarters.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda items 28 and 40 (f) (Afghanistan) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Germany)

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda items 28 and 40 (f) (Afghanistan), organized by the Permanent Mission of Germany, on Monday, 24 November 2003, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

UNITAR seminar on "The Use of Local Energy Resources for Local Purposes: Natural Gas and Rural Poverty"

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a seminar on "The Use of Local Energy Resources for Local Purposes: Natural Gas and Rural Poverty", to be held on the following dates: Monday, 1 December 2003, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; and Tuesday, 2 December, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. A letter has been sent to all the permanent missions in New York. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

UNITAR/OLA seminar on deposit of treaty actions with the Secretary-General and registration of treaties

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Treaty Section of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs (OLA) are jointly conducting a seminar on deposit of treaty actions with the Secretary-General and registration of treaties. The

seminar, to be conducted in English, will be held on Wednesday, 3 and Thursday, 4 December 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., in Conference Room 9.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, the tentative programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all permanent missions in New York. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 26 November 2003. For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684 or 1 (212) 963-9196).

UNITAR/WTO workshop on international trade negotiations

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the World Trade Organization (WTO) are jointly organizing a workshop on international trade negotiations, as part of the international trade series. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held from Monday, 8 December, to Wednesday, 10 December 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, the tentative programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all permanent missions in New York. The registration deadline is Monday, 1 December 2003. For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684 or 1 (212) 963-9196).

Announcements

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Thursday, 6 November 2003, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Global Forum of Indigenous Peoples and the Information Society

On the occasion of the World Summit on the Information Society, the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues is organizing a major parallel conference, the Global Forum of Indigenous Peoples and the Information Society, to be held in Geneva from 8 to 11 December 2003. Information regarding the proposed agenda and programme of work is available at www.un.org/esa/socdev/pfii/. Delegations of Member States wishing to register may contact Mr. John G. Scott, Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (e-mail scott9@un.org).

Summary of meetings

Wednesday, 19 November 2003

Security Council

4861st meeting — *The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Kieran Prendergast, Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs.

The Council heard a briefing by Mr. Kieran Prendergast.

4862nd meeting — *The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Israel, at his request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to a letter dated 19 November 2003 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations (S/2003/1102), requesting an invitation to participate in the meeting in accordance with the Council's previous practice. In accordance with the rules of procedure and the previous practice in this regard, the President, with the consent of the Council, invited the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations to participate in the discussion.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2003/1100, submitted by Bulgaria, Chile, China, France, Germany, Guinea, Mexico, the Russian Federation, Spain and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/2003/1100) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2003/1100) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1515 (2003).

4863rd meeting — *The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo*

Letter dated 23 October 2003 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2003/1027)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, at his request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and the provisional rules of procedure of the Council.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2003/21).

4864th meeting — *The importance of mine action for peacekeeping operations*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2003/22).

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Main Committees

Third Committee

50th meeting

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms . . . . . [117 (b)]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.54

The representative of Algeria introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document as well as Bhutan.

El Salvador, Ethiopia, Qatar and the United Republic of Tanzania joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.55

The representative of India introduced and corrected the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Cyprus, Ecuador, France, Honduras, Italy, New Zealand, Panama, Slovakia, Slovenia, Thailand and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

The Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, South Africa and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution, as corrected.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.58

The representative of Norway introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Spain.

Albania, Bulgaria, Ecuador, Honduras, Mauritius, Micronesia (Federated States of), Romania and the United States of America joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of document A/C.3/58/L.59

The representative of Egypt introduced and corrected the document, on behalf of the sponsors listed.

Indonesia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution, as corrected.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.60

The representative of Brazil introduced and corrected the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Croatia, El Salvador, Haiti, Honduras, Lesotho and Lithuania.

The Congo, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Mauritius, Namibia, the Niger, Nigeria, the Philippines, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Sierra Leone, Swaziland, Tunisia, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe joined in sponsoring the draft resolution, as corrected.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.62

The representative of Australia introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Bolivia, Cambodia, Guatemala, Lebanon, Lithuania, the Republic of Moldova, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Serbia and Montenegro and South Africa.

Albania, Angola, Armenia, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, El Salvador, Ethiopia, the Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Madagascar, Morocco, Mozambique, Panama, the Philippines, Romania, the Russian Federation, Sierra Leone, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, the United States of America, the United Republic of Tanzania and Zambia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.47

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Mauritius and Swaziland joined in sponsoring the draft resolution, which was then adopted by the Committee.

Statements were made by the representatives of Switzerland (also on behalf of Australia, Canada, Liechtenstein, New Zealand and Norway) and Cuba.

51st meeting

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 117 (b).

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/58/L.50, A/C.3/58/L.51 and A/C.3/58/L.52

The representative of Malaysia introduced the draft resolutions, on behalf of the members of the Non-Aligned Movement, as well as China.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.53

The representative of Brazil introduced and orally revised the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Azerbaijan, Bolivia, Burkina Faso, El Salvador, France, Germany, Lithuania, Mali and Norway.

Afghanistan, Kenya, Nigeria, Portugal and Sierra Leone joined in sponsoring the draft resolution, as orally revised.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.56

The representative of Cameroon introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.57

The representative of Norway introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cyprus, El Salvador, Greece, Luxembourg and Mali.

Albania, Bolivia, Bulgaria, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Ecuador, Japan, Micronesia (Federated States of) and Panama joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.61

The representative of the United States introduced and orally revised and corrected the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Armenia, Australia, Azerbaijan, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and Spain.

Afghanistan, Albania, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cape Verde, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Fiji, Iceland, India, Panama, the Russian Federation, Sierra Leone and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution, as orally revised and corrected.

Organization of work

Statements were made by the representatives of Malaysia, Kenya, Cuba, Mali, China, Egypt, the Syrian Arab Republic and Chile.

The Secretary and the Chairman responded to questions raised.

Economic and Social Council

Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
Thirty-first session
United Nations Office at Geneva

Wednesday, 19 November 2003

44th–45th meetings *Consideration of reports* [6]

(a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

(b) Reports submitted by specialized agencies in accordance with article 18 of the Covenant

The Committee began its consideration of the second periodic report of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (E/1990/6/Add.35). In accordance with rule 62 of the Committee's rules of procedure, representatives of the State party were present at the meetings, introduced the report and replied to questions raised and comments made by members of the Committee.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Amendment to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (with Protocols I, II and III). Geneva, 21 December 2001

Approval: Norway (18 November 2003)[1]

Entry into force of the amendment: (18 May 2004)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

United Nations Convention Against Corruption. New York, 31 October 2003

Opening for signature

The above Convention was adopted on 31 October 2003, during the plenary meeting of the General Assembly at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

The Convention will be open for signature from 9 to 11 December 2003 at the "Centro de Convenciones y Exposiciones Yucatán Siglo XXI" in Mérida, Mexico, and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until 9 December 2005 by all States and by regional economic integration organizations, provided that at least one Member State of such organization is a signatory to the Convention.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in the possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Convention could, as necessary, provide copies of the required full powers by *4 December 2003* to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org). Original instruments of full powers should be provided to the depositary representative at the signature ceremony.

Other announcements

DPI/NGO briefing

This week, the topic of the DPI/NGO will be "Town Hall Meeting on the Theme of the Fifty-seventh DPI/NGO Annual Conference". The Briefing will be held *today*, 20 November 2003, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Tala Dowlatshahi, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-1859).

Lecture series to mark the birth centenary of Ralph Bunche

The Department of Public Information, in association with the Ralph Bunche Institute for International Studies of the City University of New York Graduate Center, is holding a series of lectures to mark the birth centenary of Ralph Bunche. The second lecture, entitled "From Ralph Bunche to Lakhdar Brahimi: The Future of Peacekeeping and

Mediation", will be held *today*, 20 November 2003, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Mr. David Malone, President of International Peace Academy, will be the keynote speaker and H.E. Mr. Kishore Mahbubani, Permanent Representative of Singapore, and Dame Margaret Anstee, former Under-Secretary-General, who served as Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Angola and Chief, United Nations Angola Verification Mission (UNAVEM III), will be the discussants. Sir Brian Urquhart, former Under Secretary-General, will moderate the event, which will be introduced by Mr. Shashi Tharoor, Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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A/58/PV.43	Meeting held on 27 October 2003, 10 a.m. [E]
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S/2003/1095	Letter dated 14 November 2003 from the Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2003/1096	Letter dated 11 November 2003 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

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